

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Major Elmer O. Aakre's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Major Aakre has devoted more than 22 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Chaplain and leader in both the Engineer and Field Artillery, including service in Iraq and many state activations in support of flooding and blizzard operations; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

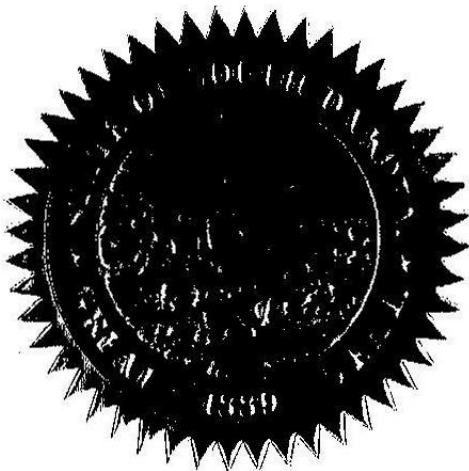
Whereas, Major Aakre continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Major Elmer O. Aakre for more than 22 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2010, as

MAJOR ELMER O. AAKRE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State